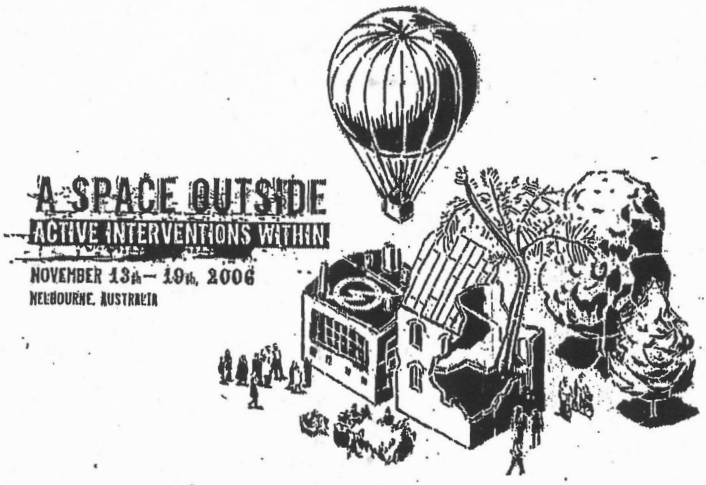

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a space outside

ASO is a collective formed to organise a convergence and accommodation space, interactions with radical thinkers, practical direct action skill-shares, and most importantly to foster radical actions and interruptions to the 2006 G20 meeting in Melbourne.

We hope this will be a space where we can share our skills, art and politics and workshop new ways of resisting and disrupting the influence and trajectory of capital. We hope this will be a space from which to collectivise and activate; a physical space from which to orchestrate the bothering of the status quo. A space from which we can increase our capacity to resist beyond the G20 mobilisation. Not just A Space Outside, but a space from which to actively resist within.

We are thrilled that you have joined us to make this space possible. Thanks for coming.

Love

Space outside organising collective 12/11/06

www.aspaceoutside.org

we are proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners of this land

The following info is crucial reading. If you have a short attention span or wish to be selective about how much of this reader you take it, please read this section.

a safer space

Thanks to the Belladonna Live and Let DIY crew, the Gleneagles G8 2005 Dissent crew and the Grassroots Gathering Reader compiled in Belfast 2004 for letting us rip off bits from their Safer Spaces Statements and related articles).

We hope that everyone at the Space Outside (ASO) gathering is made aware of the idea of 'safer spaces (information will be on the website, in the program, displayed around the venue). We say 'safer realising that no space can be entirely safe for everyone. Although there is often discourse on 'equality , we realise that not everyone experiences spaces in the same way as others. Safer spaces are welcoming, engaging and supportive. We want the Space Outside gathering to be a space where people take care of one another. We want people to feel that they can let their hair down and be themselves, knowing that they will be supported.

We are asking people to be proactive in creating a safer space.

People attending ASO are asked to be aware of their language and behaviour, and to think about whether it might be offensive to others. This is no space for violence, for touching people without their consent, for being intolerant of someone s religious beliefs or lack thereof, for being creepy, sleazy, racist, ageist, sexist, heterosexist, transphobic, ablebodi-est, classist, sizist, or any other behaviour or language that may perpetuate oppression.

What we need to do to create a safer space at ASO:

* Respect people s physical and emotional boundaries
* Always get explicit verbal consent before touching someone or crossing personal boundaries
* Respect peoples opinions, beliefs, differing states of being and differing points of view
* Be responsible for your own action. Be aware that your actions do have an effect on others
* Take responsibility for your own safety and get help if you need it
* Look out for kids at all times and try not to leave anything around that would endanger kids
* The space is drug n alcohol free, and smoke-free

Any individual or group engaging in violence (including sexual violence and harassment)

within the convergence community will automatically be excluding themselves. The gathering will be asking them to leave the convergence space. ASO will not knowingly allow perpetrators of sexual assualt into the space.

ASO communal sleeping space

We understand that by having a communal sleeping space at a large convergence, unwanted/non-mutual/non-consensual sexual situations may transpire. The reality of large communal sleeping spaces is that this DOES happen, even if most of us self-identify as having 'good politics. This needs to be acknowledged and everyone needs to take responsibility for preventing such situations. We are hoping that through making people aware of this safer space policy, having a forum and workshops directed towards sexual assault/ consent/positive sexuality/safer spaces and providing wom*ns only sleeping area for those who would like it, we will hopefully reduce the chance of these situations occurring.

Chill out space

It can be intense to be surrounded by old and new friends/lovers in one place; it can be intense to be surrounded by so many people yet barely know anyone and feel alienated or awkward. It can be intense to participate in a week of workshops/gigs/actions/parties/ hanging out/barely sleeping.

When you re out of your 'comfort zone or not in your 'hometown , it is important that you have a space to go when you freak out, feel anxious, feel the pressure of constantly being surrounded by a lot of people, or if you have your boundaries crossed and need to collect your thoughts.

The chill out space will provide a space that people can go to read.

Examining our own subtle and not-so-subtle prejudices

If we profess to be concerned about issues of race, gender and sexuality, etc, we need to live our lives in way that proactively seeks to subvert prejudice, to undermine the very possibility that someone will feel discriminated against. This means treating people equally and expecting that everyone has something amazing to contribute. It means not being tokenistic. It means not acting awkward around people because you don t know what to say because they are queer or have dark skin. ASO aims to explore/ acknowledge the subtle (and not so subtle) forms of sexism and racism within our own spaces and to tackle them head on.

We may like to think of the ASO space as an 'alternative space where people reject the prejudices present in 'mainstream Australian values. However activist communities often carry the same prejudices as the so-called mainstream and we all need to address this. We are part of this broader society.

Need some assistance

If you experience or witness any behaviour that crosses your boundaries or makes you feel uncomfortable or if you are feeling like you would like to talk to someone anonymously about anything please ask at the front-desk/entrance to the venue. There will also be mobile phone number that you can call at any time. If the matter requires a sensitive listener

to help you deal with a situation that was somehow traumatic, people are around who c play the role of helping you to debrief. There are even a couple of trained counsellors i our circles!

There will be two grievance phones one will be answered by a woman. Call this numbe you have a grievance 0416 579185 the second number was not available at time of prin ing. The person who answers the phone will listen to the issue and co-ordinate an appro priate response.

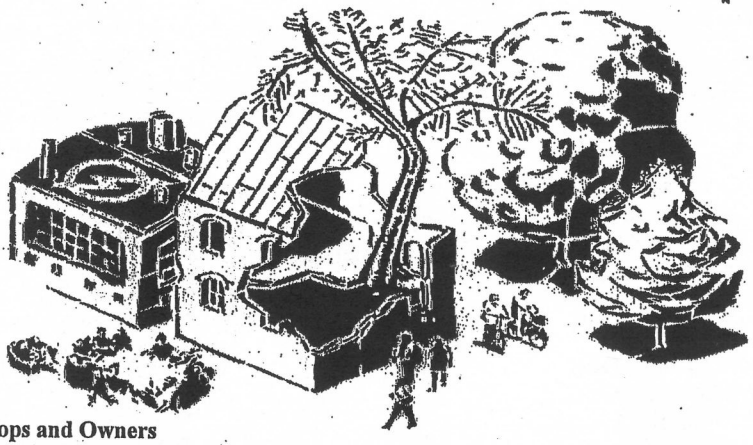
Conflict Resolution and the Boot

It is inevitable that there will be conflict in the time that we are occupying the site. This can be an incredibly valuable thing if it is managed in a constructive manner.
We have designed a basic process for dealing with conflict, based around the principle t a resolution deemed positive to all parties involved should always be sought first.
Any conflict arising in the space that at least one party feels cannot be resolved without some help, should seek the assistance of one of the members of the Conflict Resolution Sub-Collective.The collective is Holly (Syd), Dave (Canberra), Jane (ASO), G (Melb), Erin (ASO), Rodney (Melb), Minch (Melb), Killer (RMIT), plus some other people.

Ideally, with the help of this collective, the conflict will be resolved. However, if this fail then as a last resort, the conflict will be taken to the entire collective to make a final deci sion on what action needs to be taken.

Please note that anyone who's behaviour is in breach of the safer spac statement will be asked to leave the space.

housekeeping for our squatted space



Cops and Owners

The ASO collective has workshopped some ideas about how to deal with Police and owners should the need arise.

The following is a suggestion for a means of dealing with the situation that is open to discussion and change, depending on what the people who end up occupying the space intend.

There is a group of people from the collective that have agreed to take on the responsibility of police and owners liaison for the space. This group (along with the rest of the housekeeping collective) will be meeting each morning at 8.30am, if you wish to have input this would be a good forum to take part in.

The most likely people to have initial contact with police or owners are those who will be sitting on the front door for the duration of the conference.

In the event that police, owners or security arrive there is a few important things to remember;

1. DO NOT LET THEM IN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. Tell them that we are in negotiations with the owners, that this is a matter of civil law, and it does not concern the police, thank you very much for assistance constable.

3. DO NOT admit to altering the property in any way, and if they ask how you got in, tell

them that the door was open.

4. If asked who is in control, tell them that last time you heard it was a mix of George Bush and the Queen, but that they are welcome to talk to you in the mean time, although you cannot make any decisions on behalf of the group, nor can you speak for anybody but yourself.
(Thanks to the Affordable Student Housing Collective)

We suggest that the person who makes the initial contact with the owners/police contacts the police/owners liaison group. Whoever is on the front door will know who this is.

This group will endeavour to negotiate so that we can stay and continue to use the space.

If this group feels as though there is the possibility that there will be a forced eviction, or that any sort of decision needs to be made regarding the conditions under which we use the space or the relationship with the owner, then they will call a meeting for everyone. At this meeting we will decide collectively whether we will resist eviction, or consider moving to another venue.

For more general information about squatters rights, get your hands on a copy of the Melbourne Squatters Guide. There is usually a few lying around and it is an excellent source of information about squatting. If you cant find a copy, it is online at www.geocities.com/squattersguide

Housekeeping
Roster For Presence- put yourself on it!
There must be people at the space at all times. At any moment the coppers may rock up requesting, amongst other things, a quiet chat with the upstanding citizens. If no one is home, they may decide to let themselves in, make a cup of tea and declare it reclaimed as the Victoria Police social club and initiate a whole new era of Blue Light Disco.

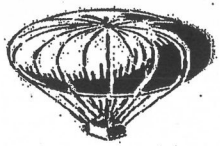
As no one needs to relive their early adolescent experiences of drunken pashing at the Blue Light, we will create a roster system to ensure that there is always at least four or five people at the site.

On the wall there is a list, where everyone lists the times that they intend to be at the space.Please put yourself on this list. If you notice that there is a blank spot and you can t be there, please try and rope your mates into doin a stint.

It is a collective responsibility to make sure that we always have a presence at the site.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

tools for white guys



who are working for social change...

& other people socialized in a society based on domination...

1. Practice noticing who s in the room at meetings - how many gender privileged men (biological men), how many women, how many transgendered people, how many white people, how many people of color, is it majority heterosexual, are there out queers, what are people s class backgrounds. Don t assume to know people, but also work at being more aware – listening to what people say and talking with people one on one who you work with.

2a. Count how many times you speak and keep track of how long you speak.

2b. Count how many times other people speak and keep track of how long they speak.

3. Be conscious of how often you are actively listening to what other people are saying as opposed to just waiting your turn thinking about what you ll say next. Keep a notebook so that you can write down your thoughts and then focus on what other people are saying. As a white guy who talks a lot, I ve found it helpful to writing down my thoughts and wait to hear what others have to say (frequently others will be thinking something similar and then you can support their initiative).

4. Practice going to meetings or hanging out with people focused on listening and learning – not to get caught in the paralysis of whether or not you have anything useful to say, but acting from a place of valuing other people s knowledge and experiences.

5a. Pay attention to how many times you put ideas out to the group you work with.

5b. Notice how often you support other people s ideas for the group.

6. Practice supporting people by asking them to expand on ideas and get more in-depth.

7a. Think about whose work and what contributions to the group get recognized.

7b. Practice recognizing more people for the work they do and try to do it more often. This also includes men offering support to other men who aren t recognized and actively challenging competitive dynamics that men are socialized to act out with each other.

8. Practice asking more people what they think about events, ideas, actions, strategy and vision. White guys tend to talk amongst themselves and develop strong bonds that manifest in organizing. These informal support structures often help reinforce informal leadership structures as well. Asking people what they think and really listening is a core ingredient to healthy group dynamics, think about who you ask and who you really listen

to. Developing respect and solidarity across race, class, gender and sexuality is complex and difficult, but absolutely critical - and liberating. Those most negatively impacted by systems of oppression have and will play leading roles in the struggle for collective liberation.

9. Be aware of how often you ask people to do something as opposed to asking other people "what needs to be done": logistics, child care, making phone calls, cooking, providing emotional support and following up with people are often undervalued responsibilities performed by people who are gender oppressed (biological women and trans folks).

10. Struggle with the saying, "you will be needed in the movement when you realize that you are not needed in the movement".

11. Struggle with and work with the model of group leadership that says that the responsibility of leaders is to help develop more leaders, and think about what this means to you: how do you support others and what support do you need from others.

This includes men providing emotional and political support to other men. How can men work to be allies to each other in the struggle to develop radical models of anti-racist, class conscious, pro-queer, feminist manhood that challenges strict binary gender roles and categories. This is also about struggling to recognize leadership roles while also redefining leadership as actively working to build power with others rather than power over others.

12. Remember that social change is a process, and that our individual transformation and individual liberation is intimately interconnected with social transformation and social liberation. Life is profoundly complex and there are many contradictions. Remember that the path we travel is guided by love, dignity and respect - even when it brings us to tears and is difficult to navigate. As we struggle let us also love ourselves.

13. This list is not limited to white guys, nor is it intended to reduce all white guys into one category. This list is intended to disrupt patterns of domination which hurt our movement and hurt each other. White guys have a lot of work to do, but if we white guys support and challenge each other, while also building trust and compassion we can heal ourselves in the process.

14. Day-to-day patterns of domination are the glue that maintain systems of domination. The struggle against capitalism, white supremacy, patriarchy, heterosexism and the state, is also the struggle towards collective liberation.

15. No one is free until we are all free.

Thanks and love to my comrades in the Bay Area gender privileged men s group of the Ruckus Society and the men s group (biological and transgendered men) of the Challenging White Supremacy Collective.

workshop & forum blurbs

tuesday 14th november

9.30 - 10.30am Indigenous Welcoming Aunty Joy

10.30am - 12.30pm The Neo-Liberalisation of Our Lives?
Capitalism, collective action and social change (Discussion)Various, aSO kids, othersOpposition to poverty and war may begin with the scream but it quickly findsitself muted or amplified - shattered or shattering within its social context. From the mobilisation against G20 to our party-crash at APEC next September, the impact of neoliberalism - (quasi)deindustrialisation, precarious employment, and the culture of atomised individuality - need to be seen as having both external and internal determinations on the possibility of collective action and social change.The "anti-capitalist movement" (if indeed we can call it that) has turned up a series debates on this possibility: from arguments over decentralised organisation to the present-day composition of the working class and its agency. These debates reflect real questions of tactics that have arisen from action - not from books.In this light we hope to develop a rolling discussion on the impact of neoliberalism on class composition, collective action, and social movements. We hope to litter the discussion with the resources of Marxist, post-Marxist and other theories of social change, but the central *component will be personal accounts and anecdotes* from activists.

anti nuclear rally on @ 12 noon GPO Bourke Street Mall - marching to federal government offices

1.30 -4.30pmWhat's Happening in Mexico Now Mexican Australian Solidarity Network /The Other Campaign on an Other Continent Mexican Australian Solidarity Network
The struggle of the Zapatistas was and is crucial to the development of radical politics around the globe since 1994. Fighting specific battles and specific struggles not only are their actions inspirational but also the political languages and images they have generated have been useful tools for many of us to dream our own subversive projects. The recent development of La Otra Campana Ð the Other Campaign Ð is similar. Not only is it an amazing development in the extension of autonomous anti-capitalist politics but it may also be useful for us here in building new politics that can confront the challenges we face in our own live.The purpose of this workshop is to both explore what is La Otra and what it means for us here, on The Other Continent. We hope that this workshop is not just for

ÔtalkÕ (though talking is important and never just talking anyway) and if there is enough support and interest we would like to propose the formation of various bodies to start overtly the development of The Other Campaign on an Other Continent.

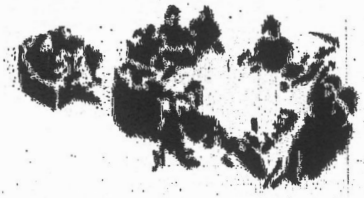
1.30 - 3pm Male Privilege Darren, Rodney,
'Privilege can be described as unearned rights, benefits, immunity andfavours that are bestowed on individuals and groups solely on the basis oftheir race, culture, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability orother key characteristic. This is a workshop for men who want to deepen anunderstanding of how male privilege operates in our lives & communities, &explore positive & meaningful ways for men to engage in the struggle againstpatriarchy.

Creative Resistance & Culture-JammingRMIT collectiveUnstamped
PressCurtis Unstamped press was a movement of radical printing and distribution, mostly in the 1830s. Some of them were incredibly radical and advocated resistance/ or revolution, all of them were blacklisted and hated by the government, and at various time some of them had higher distribution rates than the mainstream press.

DIY House Gigs (1.30-2.30)Scott Foyster
Diyhousegigs began as an idea in late 2004, inspired by the DIY ethic of 70 s and 80 s punk. The idea was to bring together anyone interested in to holding gigs free from the constraints of the commerce society in which we unfortunately live in. DIYhousegigs has held some dozen or so gigs and is looking to hold plenty more - with summer coming, DIY Housegigs is planning on kick starting some fun and action to enliven the city. Let s create some little fun spaces of resistance and enjoy this summer and the years to come.

2.30-4.30pmForests Update (2.30 - 3.30)David HammertonNuclear Energy (3.30 - 4.30)Micalah

2.30-4.30pmSpectral Animals and Death, Death MoreDeath? Rach(Luke)eal
An abject tour of animality today. After 10,000 years of agriculture, in the last 200 years (only 10-15 generations) there has occurred an almost complete disengagement on the part of people concerning the care of and proximity to animals. In the space of these 2 centuries, the US and western European population went from a population that was only 10% urban, to one that was 90% urban, while simultaneously and globally destroying wild-spaces and experience, knowledge and possibilities, and establishing Western consumption practices throughout the world. Considering the facts above, 'our relationship with animals (and animality) is necessarily complex and straddles many cultural forms. The radical disappearance of animals from our lives and their replacement or return in mediated forms- briefly: on television, in meat, pets and scientific 'knowledge - necessitates a radical critique of these cultural myth-makers, as many of the myths these representations produce and support maintain the (human and animal) horrors of global corporate agribusiness, laboratory culture, and hegemonic race and gender orders etc.I am very confused, I feel an urgency and desperation for change, a need for a total questioning of our values



regarding animals and the interlocking oppressions of 'us and 'them , and I m cast somewhere between 'what pets have given and taught me and the pain and domination of their shitty lives, my childhood love for science and nature doco s and my hatred of their oppressive value structures, my indoctrination of biology-as-gender and my transfreak flailings (could continue this list forever), all of it saturated with a cheap mourning and innocence that we need to disrupt....

Some of the network of ideas I want to cover: —Our cartoon animal friends- mythic paeans to patriarchy and white supremacy, animals as a vehicle for ideology, merchandising and corporate tie-ins, the impossibility of a contemporary 'Charlottes Web , animals of the Dreamtime or primetime?, and how Disney created the environmental movement.—The cultural and environmental politics of wildlife documentaries- corporate storytelling; CGI and archival animals; Animal Planet, the G8 and "Africanization"; What are they selling? —Meat culture and globalized agribusiness- factory farming; GE and animal cyborgs; (neo)colonialism and the future. —Frozen Arks and electronic zoos- World Zoo culture; myths of conservation; the states pets; corporate philanthropy; reality TV and surveillance; zoos as theatre; behavioural studies and the psychology and justification of incarceration and prisons.—Binary pollutions- feminism, queers and animals, language; meat and the medical establishment; Predation, Bird Flu.—Bestiality- interspecies sexual assault; misogyny on the internet; witche s 'familiars .—Dominance and Affection- Pets and sacrificial economies; 'neutering , animal sexuality and the domestic; Tamagotchi s and communism, dog shows, love. —Animal activism- animal liberation s fight against invisibility, contesting representations; recent eco-terrorism and economic links. —Contesting biology- animal research and 'societies , and the naturalization of capitalism, hierarchy, gender, the family, heterosexuality, monogamy, women as property etc etc.; Trans theory; Anarchist revisions- Kropotkin s Mutual aid, Haraway s "Primatology is politics by other means". —Necrophilia- museums and taxonomy; taxidermy to animatronics and the worship and products of systems of animal classification. —Intact, alive- laboratory animals and mechanistic science; military and police animals.

3-4.30pmNeo-Liberalisation of Education and Growing Esteem Sharne
Melbourne University s move towards general undergraduate courses and specialisation in postgraduate courses is happening in a broader context of the international policies that promote the privatisation of education. From the ALP s introduction of HECS, to VSU, to corporate-sponsored research, this session aims to critique the increasingly neoliberal foundations of our higher education system, and the ramifications for our education and knowledge bases.

Living outside of capitalism (3-3.30pm)MarkA
brainstorming session with the result being a long list of alternative living, and creative resistance. Prizes for everyone. Please bring your schemes, dreams and quick thinking cap. Think reusing your stamps, evasion, free schools, really free markets ....

Coke in Latin America' Campaign (3.30-4.30pm)

CarleneThe Kurdish QuestionMahmout of the Kurdish Association

6 - 9pmIndigenous forumVarious

9pm onwardsPoster Series Launch - Breakdown Press,
Poetry ReadingsBreakdown Poster Series #2 features work from individual artists and arts collectives, from Australia, Indonesia and North America. These artists have used embroidery, woodcuts, illustration, collage, computer-generated trickery, cut 'n paste, screen printing and scratchboard techniques in producing their newsprint poster designs. The limited edition cover poster was printed by Big Fag Press, a new artist-run printing co-operative based in Sydney, Australia. Some of the artists have worked in collaboration.Some have worked alone. Together they have produced this publication.At a time when the role of creative activism is as vital as ever, these posters help to breakdown feelings of despair, analyse corporate agendas and provide some hope in a increasingly concreted and controlled world. These posters were published by Breakdown Press in Melbourne November 2006, to coincide with the G20 Summit and the Carnival against Capitalism protests.Artists: Clara Tzara, Marcsta, Stephen Walker, Bretton Bartleet, Boo, ToFu, Marc Martin, Paul Kalemba (aka thinblackline), Josh MacPhe (justseeds.org), Aconk Qoyyum (Taring Padi), Emma Davidson & Jonathan Stilts, Edwin Vazquez, Iain McIntyre, Tom Civil, Rachel Peachey (thecontextualvillians.org), Russell Kerr, Eric Drooker, and The BeehiveDesign Collective.Writers: anwyn, TT0, Asha Bee (Permablitz), Karina Smith, Dr Ash (This is Not Radio), Ben (DIY House Gigs), Darren, Lou Smith.Posters will be available onthe night!$5 each newspaper set! (Special Launch deal: 2 for $7.00)Bulk: 5 copies for $20 ($4 each), 20 copies for $60 ($3 each) , 50 copiesfor $125 ($2.50 each)$10 each with limited edition cover and extra screenprinted poster!For more information regarding artists involved, and other Breakdow projects,
check out:www.breakdownpress.org

9-10.30amUsing Maps for Community Building
Michael Chew
This informal workshop will highlight a few ways in which creating maps can help build and strengthen communities, as well as expand our awareness of what is around us. It s

about reclaiming the use of maps from imperial domination and the like and using them for good! Participants are most welcome to contribute their own ideas and examples.

FairwareDaisy Gardener
Fairwear has been campaigning about the effects of globalisation on thegarment industry and the right for workers to get fair wages and conditionsin Australia and overseas. We demand that companies and countries are accountable for the conditions of their workers. This workshop will discuss garment workers, and the unfair neo-liberal capitalist policies that make it possible for companies to continue to rip workers off.

Workshop: Mutiny collective

Re-colonising the Pond: Australia, New Zealand, and the g20's shadow over the PacificOmar
This would be a workshop on the links between the G20 agenda and Australia and New Zealand s role in the Pacific. The focus of the workshop is to give participants a broad understanding of Australia and New Zealand s pro-imperialist role in the Pacific and how the G20s agenda impacts Pacific peoples and the environment. The workshop would cover the Pacific island s trade agreements, recent accessions to the WTO by Pacific nations, Australasia s neo-colonial role in regards to the Solomon Islands, negligent policy towards Timor and Papua and the effects that the policy of the G20 is having on Pacific peoples especially indigenous peoples rights. Finally the workshop will discuss concrete grassroots actions being undertaken today in Aotearoa to resist the new world disorder and how activists on both sides of the Tasman can better monkeywrench this new worldRadical

Queer/Feminist Politics - What's Happened?Tanya
The situation for radical politics around gender/sexuality looks pretty grim, indeed nonexistent. Feminist and queer movements at their best moments have challenged the basis of our understandings of sex, gender, relationships, and how we fight against state repression and capitalist accumulation. However, contemporary movements are marked less by acts of collective liberation and imagining different futures. Rather, they are dominated by calls for access to bourgeois, heterosexual respectability and state sanctioning (gay marriage) or the mobilisation of repressive forces of control for protection (more police with more powers to protect us from rape and discrimination.) Feminist campaigns around 'trafficking' have seemed only able to imagine women as passive victims in need of state protection rather than as workers challenging regimes of border control. At the same time, a rhetoric of protection of the rights of women and queers, has been used to justify the war on terror. While feminist and queer activists seem stuck within conservative liberal agendas and identity politics, serious challenges around issues of gender/sexuality seem to have largely dropped off the radar of broader 'radical poltiics.In this workshop, we want

to look at politics around gay marriage, sexual violence, 'trafficking , and trans/gender issues to puzzle out some of these issues, and explore some possibilities for a radical/ confrontational ant-capitalist politics around gender/sexuality.

Earthrise Collective Peachy
Help brainstorm the concept to form an environmental activist and artistperformance collective. Committed to environmental awareness raisingevents/initiatives. Objectives include: formation of website, organisation ofpublic events/programs, promotion of environ mentally alignedartists/activists, facilitate networking and support, positive proactiveinclusive approach, for performers, artists, filmmakers, political circusstreet theatre, sound system crews, logistics and support crew, mediamakers, workshop presenters etc. Festival zones - national internationalpossibilities- with peachy: reachpeach@gmail.com. Peachy is an environmentaland social activist, performer and mum.

10.30-12pmWhy is the G20 and the problems with aid as a solution to poverty (Forum)Various
Part of the reason for the initiation of the G20 was to legitimise the power of the G8 governments. Costello tells us we "should be protesting for the G20" because it is forum to discuss the alleviation of poverty and economic injustice. According to the G20 Accord for Sustained Growth (subtitled: Stability, Competition and Empowerment: Mobilising Economic Forces for Satisfactory Long-Term Growth), this partnership between the Finance Ministers of eight of the world s richest countries, and 12 strategically handpicked developing countries, is aimed at facilitating the implementation of privatisation policies.Competition is the driving force of economic growth because it fosters efficiency and stimulates innovation. It is also essential for strong investment activity. Carefully designed policies of deregulation, privatisation, and liberalisation of international transactions are important means of strengthening competition. However, ensuring competition and the functioning of markets requires setting the right incentives through efficient institutional arrangements. In particular, policymakers should aim at strengthening and enforcing intellectual and other property rights, contract law, bankruptcy procedures and anti-trust regulations. Also, efforts will be required to promote good governance and combat corruption. Costello s remarks attempt to conjure positive images of development, as if the G20 will "save Africans from poverty". The websites of Bono s companies advocate trade liberalisation and open markets as the solution to poverty in Africa. This session aims to inform people of some of the finer points of the G20.

12-1pmOz and NZ meet-up + lunch

1-4pmBuilding Community
Gimme Space - Autonomous Community Centres darren
We all need some space for our ideas to grow... & Right now around the word diverse

groups of people are attempting toconstruct radical common spaces, where ideas and alternatives to the present rule of commercial interests can be developed.
Autonomous community centres can take many forms. If you look hard enough outthere you ll find; squatted warehouses, info-shops, cafes, community gardens,kids spaces, theatre s, music venues, dance studios, sauna s, bars, dancestudios, squatting info points, recording studios, print workshop, healthcentres, art studios, bike workshops, offices meeting spaces, art galleries, libraries, launderettes with a view, internet access points, free shops.s.. &if you don t find what you re looking for it s time for some d.i.y... Drawing from European experience & sharing information ideas & inspirationfrom Australia the workshop will be a creative visualisations on the kind ofspaces people have/want/need in their own community. Sharing knowledge on howto go about creating these spaces, & learning the skills of self-organisation,co-operation & communication to keep them alive.

What Makes a Good Collective MarkA
workshop on how we can work together cooperativelyto achieve our common goals. This workshop aims to help people who work in collectives (or would like to) gain new ideas and inspiration by role playing, sharing our story s and examining some of the following topics.- Why people work collectively- How to form a collective, how to stay together as a functioning group andhow to wind up a collective if it is past is used by date.- Group dynamics- Meetings- Collective procedure -Common success s and failures.The workshop will be geared towards those who want to work outside theshitstem. However it is open to everyone and those who want collectives whostill use it a bit should still gain./ contribute a lot.

1-2.30pm Resisting the State of EmergencyJess Whyte and Richard Bailey
When advocates of law talk about law, there is usually a feeling of inevitability to it: law just exists. In the beginning there was the law. For Italian political theorist Giorgio Agamben, however, the possibility of law relies on the suspension of law and on the production of a state of emergency. By naturalizing law then, we naturalize the non-legalviolence that underpins it. This violence is what is necessary to suppress rebellion and create the stable situation in which we can appear to be 'ruled by law . In Agamben s view, today this state of emergency is being normalized, and legal rights and protections are being suspended in favour of the unmediated and unchecked rule of state power. All life then comes to resemble life in Woomera or Camp X-ray. But while Agamben s account may seem to paint a picture of pervasive biopolitical rule, the presence of organised resistance in Australian detention centres and even in the Nazi concentration camps suggests that even within this dystopic picture, there are possibilities for resistance.This session will examine the extent to which in late capitalism 'normal politics is giving way to emergency politics and look at the ramifications of the increasing exceptionalisation of our political space. It will seek inspiration in the resistance in the camps as confirmation of the possibility of resisting the global state of emergency.

Confronting WorkChoicesPaddy
Almost a year since the passage of the 'WorkChoices legislation, itseffects are beginning to be acutely felt. Many bosses are lashing out,sacking delegates and unionists; forcing

AWAs that slash conditions,moving to impose massive fines that can seriously demoralis workers aboutthe potential of organising through their unions.Alongside organisation for the major stop-work rallies, grass-rootscampaigning groups have popped up across the country, attempting tochannel the general opposition to WorkChoices into specific fight sagainst the use of the laws. Union Solidarity in Melbourne, WorkersSolidarity in Sydney WorkLife in Brisbane, scores of committeesthroughout different suburbs and towns.This workshop will discuss building networks of delegates and unionactivists who want to see a strong confrontation with the laws throughindustrial and other kinds of direct action. W will look at differentresponses to the changed industrial landscape, the politics of "communityaction" and how to build confidence and militancy throughout the broaderunion movement

Terror Laws, Jack Thomas, the Melbourne 13 and David Hicks (1 - 1.45pm)

Civil Rights Defence - Les Thomas and Colin Mitchell

West Papua (1-2pm) Jimmy

Corporate interests in Iraq - piecing together Australian aid n trade, participation in the Iraqi neo-liberal project.Aid Watch

2.30-4pmLatin American SolidarityCarmen Curihuentro (Chile) - "The Mapuche Nation" Lourdes Vicente (Brazil) - "Landless Workers Movement"

Lake Cowal Mia
The Lake Cowal campaign has been a fight for justice, a struggle to protect a wetland, a political fight against the use of cyanide and the gross over-allocation of water to an overseas company. To value gold over culture, sacred land and precious water has driven this company to stand over Indigenous communities across the world. This fight will continue. When people lay down against international bullies like Barrick, it affects not only a single regional community but enables multinationals to grow and exploit communities in other countries where the legal system is even less desirable than Australia s. In Australia we have the opportunity to stand against Barrick Gold, to stand in solidarity wit Indigenous people across the world, to fight for justice and for the earth.

Welfare in Australia - a structural examination of Centrelink Marcus Banks
Marcus is interested in talking about the changing governance arrangement inside Centrelink - from an organisation run by a Board (since about 2000) which included directors of Aristocrat Leisure - the world s second biggest gambling machine company. Why did

Community Response to Sexual Assault

Who would have thought that sexual violence would be an issue in our so-called progressive activist communities? Aren t we supposed to be living our lives according to the kind of world we want to see? The idea of this workshop is to develop helpful, on-going community support for the people who have to deal with sexual violence in our friendship groups and activist communities. Community intervention and political engagement (of the non-baseball-bat-kind) is essential if we are to understand and prevent sexual violence from occurring. Mates have to be there for each other and have to be able to provide real and helpful support. Community intervention is often viewed as a superior alternative, or in some cases an accompaniment to legal intervention.This session is not designed for people to "out" themselves by sharing extremely private and difficult experiences. The aim is to work out what we need to support each other, to admit that we are not professionals and to establish an on-going support network for people who need it.

Spokes Council 6.30 - 8.30 - Melbourne Uni

9pm onwards Films

Social Centre Films: Our Kitchen Belfast s first squat çafŽ November 2003, music, vegetables, & talk aboutanarchy in a very cold dark & secret place... 8 mins 2004

Aspire Temporary squatted social centre in Leeds England December 2003. 10 days & 10nights. Hundreds of people transform abandoned warehouse into kick-ass spacefor workshops, discussion, parties, & cafes; chop vegetables & huddle togetherto keep warm.

Canmasdeu 'Rurban squatted social centre on the outskirts of Barcelona, bringing ideas,skills & technology from the countryside into the city. Sunshine, communitygardening, fancy d.i.y. plumbing, & experiments in communal living. Canmasdeuis the squat your grandmother would love.. 28 mins 2004

Three Social Centres in Amsterdam Does exactly what it says on the tin. A tour of three legalised squats inAmsterdam; the Molli, the Film Academy, & the Binnenpret. Squat actions,children s theatre & electro-acoustic concerts with musings on the merits &pitfalls of 'dealing with the man . 34 mins 2004

Sumac Centre Vegan fries, vegan beer, vegans, & home to veggies the probably the best vegancatering outfit on the planet. The Sumac is a co-operatively owned 'Radicalenvironmental community type social centre in Nottingham. Some vegetables werecooked in the making of this film. 18 mins 2004

PLUS MORE FILMS!

Legal Training

NVDA Workshops

1-2.30Medical TrainingEleven

they have people like this on the Board? What effect did it have on those working in Centrelink and for those receiving payments from Centrelink? Why was the Board abolished recently and Centrelink brought back more firmly into direct government control? This workshop may also examine a software program in the Call Centre side of Centrelink called Total View and compare it to Foucault s discussion on Jeremy Bentham s Panopticon in Discipline and Punish. As well as drawing a comparison between the Performance Plans set up for staff inside Centrelink and the Activity Agreements for those on the other side of the counter.His particular interest is with the way single parents are managed within social welfare arrangements, and could discuss the changes many of these people would have experienced in the last few years.The July 1 Centrelink changes and their impacts will be discussed.

Wom*n's Self Defence Nissa
A womyn only workshop opening up a safe space for exploration andinstruction in self defence and sexual consent. This will cover role plays,tips and suggestions including but not exclusive to staying safe in protestsituations, the street, sexual scenario s and more.

ASENClimate Change:(1.45 - 3.15pm)
The biggest social and environmental challenge facing ourworld. This workshop will discuss the 'market mechanisms in the KyotoProtocol. What are the issues surrounding market-based solutions such ascarbon trading and the 'Clean Development Mechanism ? What are the critiquesfrom a social justice perspective and what kinds of solutions are reallyneeded to stop our climate crisis? How are grassroots climate activists likethe Durban Group campaigning for climate justice? For background informationdownload the report "Carbon Trading: A Critical Conversation on ClimateChange, Privatisation and Power" from http://www.dhf.uu.se

Climate Chaos: Cookie(3.15-4pm)
Climate Chaos.. we all know what it is but who is responsible? How is it all linked together?Want to know more but get bored silly going to 'workshops' when people stand up and talk at you for ages? Fall asleep at the first mention of Carbon Trading? Get lost when people start talking in acronyms? Well this session might just be for you!How does climate chaos fit into this crazy broken global jigsaw? Why are offsets bad? What s the IPCC? Come along and between us we can suss it out and have some laughs on the way.. A popular education approach to discussing the climate.. Participatory workshop exercises & games.. including the now fabled acronym game..Marketising Carbon: A Solution to Climate Change?

4-6pmVarious Sexual Politics:
We can think of people who we would describe as having "fucked up sexualpolitics." But what would good sexual politics look like? This workshopthinks of personal relationships as political acts and tries to come upwith ways that they migh
tionary. Verydiscussionorientated.

thursday16th november

Carnival, rally and festival logistics/props meeting Peachy
Various times - to be scheduled on the day

Clown Army Training BIRCArelease your inner clown!!
humour to break down barriers, policer tactics, tips for de-escalation, fun, costume and face painting disguise goodness!! there could be a 2 hour training which would be essential for those wanting to join a rebel clown gaggle.. see birca.blogspot.com for Newcastle s Bandicoot Insurgent Rebel Clown Armyphotos and footage from actions!!

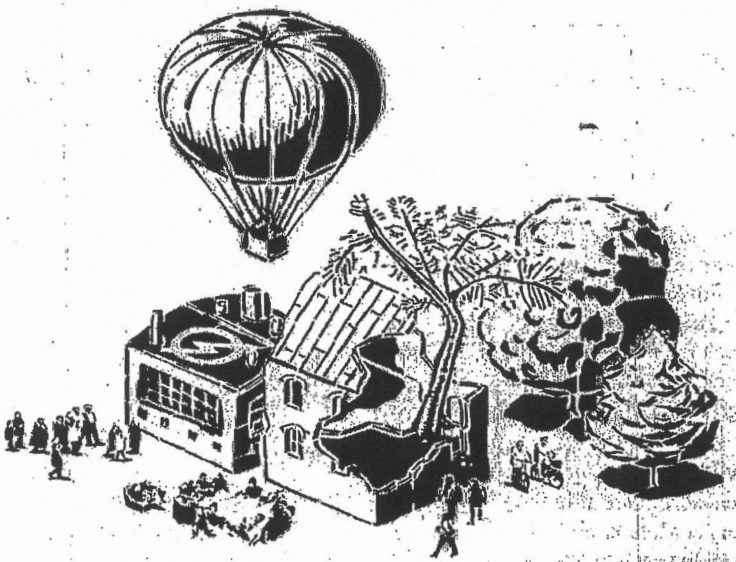
Tranny Copz Boot CampThe Tranny Cops, or A Cops, from Sydney
formerly Shittyrail Tranny Cop Dance Troupe take action in the form of synchronized cop dances. This is a boot camp for people to join in and create new dances and learn some new moves.

Radical Cheerleading PracticeMelbourne Radical Cheerleaders
- Punk Rock Pirates of Dissent the melbourne radical cheerleaders are a ratbag assortment of pirate punks, brought together by a shared opposition to neoliberalism, a commitment to creative dissent, and a vision of a world where pompoms and trashy 80s dance moves fill the streets. this is a cheerleading practice session for those who want to learn some cheers, make pyramids, pull some sick moves, and join our amazing cheer squad for weekend activities.

Guerilla Gardening Renata
The tomatoes in my garden are little revolutionaries. Our basil plants are anti-capitalist. Each day they remind me that the world I m working towards is growing, steadily. Gardening and food production provide the sustenance which makes activism real. To eat conventionally grown food, grown by multinationals, fossil fuels, poor workers rights, water and resource wasteage feels hypocritical whilst agitating for a world which isn t reliant upon capitalism. The change we create starts here, now, with us. Like preparing healthy, fertile soil for the gardens of the future. Guerilla gardening involves growing plants in public spaces without council permission. Guerilla gardening can take as many different forms as there are cracks in the pavement. Most people don t stop to consider which country their coconut milk comes from, or how their lettuces come to be. If you ask most kids where milk comes from, they ll probably say the supermarket. We ve unlearnt practical life skills such as food growing, to the extent that we don t even know what season plants grow and come to fruit, what climate they grow in or even how to identify what different fruit and vegetable plants look like. We ve learnt to rely upon the capitalist system for all our needs. However they only have as much power as we give them. They rely on consumers just as much as we rely upon them. As long as we look to corporations and governments to provide for all our daily needs, they ll retain their power over us. If we intend to create a

different, less damaging system, we need to relearn life skills and provide locally for ourselves, and our communities. Guerilla gardening transfers unused sections of the urban landscape into community hands, creating the potential to inspire action and create healthy communities. It creates community ownership of communal living space, challenging and altering mainstream assumptions of private ownership. Gardens bring people together to learn, share, relax and communicate with each other, directly opposing the alienation of capitalist society. They create a space which calls into question the very nature of conventional food, where food comes from, how that happens, what processes it goes through, which elite few benefit and why that s the case.Guerilla Gardening is one tactical tile in a colourful mosaic of dissent. It is one of many tools providing the infrastructure we need to autonomously organise our communities. It s fun and practical, and moves our communities towards being self sustained, self directed entities.

6.30-8.30pmSpokes Council - Melbourne Uni

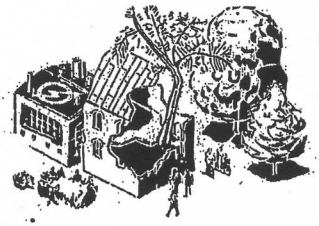


top tips for tourists

Medical

Clinicare Collingwood
Corporate 'churn em through business only listed because its close to the space outside.Bulk billing from 9-5:30 on weekdays if you have a concession or pension card and a medicare card.
144 Smith Street
COLLINGWOOD
Telephone 9417 3377

Carlton Clinic
Queer friendly. Highly recommended but can be hard to get an appointment. One staff member is a leading researcher in lesbian sexual health. There is one doctor with a pretty shocking bedside manner but the rest are really awesome.Bulk billing on weekdays with healthcare card.
88 Rathdowne Street
CARLTON
Telephone 9347 9422



Emergency

The Royal Melbourne Hospital
Grattan Street, Parkville

St Vincents Hospital
Emergency entrance Nicholson St Fitzroy.

Needle Exchange/Free Condoms

Melbourne Inner City AIDS Prevention Centre (Our Map 4, ref B4)
348 Smith Street Collingwood
Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 10.30pm - 6pm
Outreach Every night 7.30pm - 11.15pm
Outreach Phone 0418 179 814
Syringe Disposal Hotline (03) 9417 5125

Showers

Showers at rmit are at in the toilets opposite the main library entrance.
Showers at Melbourne Uni are in the toilet block in the basement of the union building.
South melb beach toilets have showers No 1tram all the way to the end.

Cheap Food

Victoria st Richmond (15mins walk down nicholson st abbotsford) has about a kilometer of mainly Vietnamese and Thai restraurants and groceries with heaps of very yummy food most of it cheap.

Lentil As Anything- organic vegan food. Pay what ever you think the meal is worth. Abbotsford Convent 1 St Heliers st. Melways Ref: 44 G5
Open hours:9am-9.30pm every day
Brunswick @ the spot, 133 Sydney rd, Bruswick (junction with Union st)
Open 5pm - 10pm monday - Thursday, Friday - Sunday 12pm - 10pm
Lentil Africa 328 Victoria Street, Brunswick VIC 3056
Opening hours: 6pm - Late everyday Horn of Africa organic food platters. The kitchen is run by an African womens co-operative.

Queen Victoria Markets (Vic Markets) For fresh veggies and everything else.
Corner Elizabeth and Victoria Streets, Melbourne.
Tuesday: 6am - 2pmThursday: 6am - 2pm Friday: 6am - 6pm
Saturday: 6am - 3pm Sunday: 9am - 4pm

Other places worth knowing about:

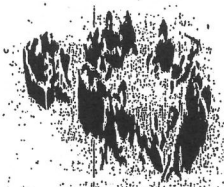
Friends of the Earth -Smith st Collingwood (one block toward the City from Johnston st) Has a cafe, food co-op, bookshop and is the home of FOE Melbourne campaigns.

TradesHall (Our map 4 ref H6)
Corner Lygo and Victoria st Carlton
Has a bookshop, a bar and meeting rooms.

Sydney Rd Brunswick (our map 2)
Turkish and Arabic Sweets and Groceries esp btw stewart and Albion st.

Irene Community Arts Warehouse; 5 Pitt St Brunswick. Take the Moreland or East Bruns Tram from Swanston st. Get off at the Glenlyon rd stop.

Yarra Bend Park Abbotsford/Kew/Fairfield. Bike path/ walking track follows river on both sides through parkland and bush. (our map 1)
Edinborough Gardens Nth Fitzroy (our map 1 ref 1B)



mobilising around G20...

~~ideas for being prepared~~...

People will be mobilising around the G20 meeting in different ways at different times. We will each choose our own tactics, path and place in the mobilisation, but being prepared will make a huge difference to whatever you decide to do.

The purpose of this reader is to offer a basic guide to planning and preparing for action, without any desire to shape, judge or predetermine people s choices.

In a publication of this size, there s much that s had to be left out. The following websites offer insights and ideas for action. Look around til you find something that s your cuppa tea:

http://seedsforchange.org.uk/free/resources (a great set of downloadable information sheets on a whole range of issues for affinity groups and networks, such as running meetings and facilitation tips, preparing for actions, consensus decision-making including quick decision-making during actions, etc - http://seedsforchange.org.uk/free/prepareaction.pdf is one of these resources that focuses specifically on preparing for actions)

www.bostoncoop.net/balm (something for everyone, but also offers very specific information for people taking part in arrestable actions)

www.activist-trauma.net (info on mental health generally and in the context of social action in particular)

www.starhawk.org/activism/activism.html (as well as practical stuff, Starhawk invites us to consider issues such as power and privilege in our activist work)

www.activistrights.org.au (legal information and a great political analysis of the legal context of activism)

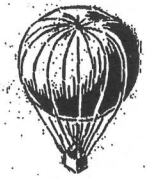
What to bring

- Water bottle – preferably squirt top
- Energy giving snacks
- Money (including coins for phone)
- Phone numbers: Legal Aid, affinity group and someone not at the action
- Mobile phone
- Watch, paper, pen for accurate documentation of events, police brutality, injuries (a camera is also helpful)
- Sunscreen (preferably water or alchol based) and hat
- Anything you require to manage a medical condition (e.g. inhaler, epipen, insulin)
- Menstrual pads, if needed (Some activists suggest avoiding using tampons because if

you re arrested you may not have a chance to change them)

What to wear

- Dress for the weather (remembering Melbourne s four seasons in one day!)
- Cover as much skin as possible (for sun protection and in case you fall and/or get dragged)
- Wear comfortable, sturdy enclosed shoes.



Warnings

The following make it easier for the cops to grab or harm you:

- Earrings, piercings, necklaces, ties.
- Loose hair
- Contact lenses

The following are best left at home. They can put you and people around you at greater risk of state violence:

- Illegal drugs
- Anything that the cops might see as a weapon

Many people also feel that it s best if people aren t drug or alcohol affected in activist spaces. Leave the beers til after!

Chemical weapons are rarely used in direct actions contexts in Australia and it s unlikely that they will be used in the context of G20 actions. Nevertheless, because they might be used at some point in the future in Australia, they rate a mention here.

Preventing harm: Chemicals bind with oils on your skin, so don t wear oil-based products (e.g. lip balm, moisturisers, makeup). Oil-based sunscreen is still preferable to capsicum spray on sunburn!

Gas masks/goggles etc can be intimidating and alienating. Please consider this effect on others when deciding how to protect yourself.

Who s at risk: Exposure to chemical weapons is scary and painful but usually not dangerous. People are more vulnerable to lasting damage if they are pregnant, breastfeeding, immune compromised, or have a heart, skin or respiratory condition.
More info on chemical weapons is available at www.starhawk.org/activism/teargas.html

A brief intro to affinity groups

An affinity group is a small group of people (usually from 3-20) who work together on direct action. Affinity groups are organised in a non-hierarchical manner, usually using consensus decision making, and are often made up of trusted friends or other like-minded people. They provide a method of organisation that is responsive, flexible and decentralised.

Affinity groups can be based on a common ideology, a shared concern for a given issue or a common activity, role or skill. By definition, affinity groups organise for their own pur-

poses, but their aims usually include promoting the safety of group members and looking out for each other.

Roles in affinity groups

Affinity groups tend to be loosely organised, however there are some formal roles or positions that commonly occur. A given affinity group may have all, some or none of these positions. They can be permanent or temporary and the group could opt to take turns in these roles, or assign one role to one person.

Spoke: Charged with representing the affinity group at a spokescouncil, cluster meeting and/or quick decision making process between affinity groups at an action.

Facilitator: Facilitates the group s consensus process and also, to varying degrees, acts as arbiter of internal conflicts.

Media contact: Represents the group to media (often also the Spoke).

Vibe watcher: Monitors the mood and feeling of the group. Sometimes also charged with keeping the facilitator from using their role to favor any position or proposal.

Snap/quick-decision facilitator: Charged with making decisions for the group in time-constrained or high-pressure situations. The position is rare and is almost always temporary.

Negotiator: Negotiates with cops and (potentially) other affinity groups.

Photographer/observer: Documents action, especially if crisis develops.

Arrest Support: Mobilises support crew if people get arrested.
Group representative: Relays info between organisers and group.

First Aider: Brings basic first aid supplies and supervises their use if necessary.

Arrestables: People identified as prepared to engage in civil disobedience.

Tips:

- Spend time before the action building trust between group members.
- Know each others special health needs, communication styles and processes, and emergency contact details (including who to notify in case of arrest or injury).
- Look out for each other during the action.
- Debrief afterwards about your individual and collective experiences, processes and learnings and about the emotional impacts of the action.

Mental & emotional preparation

Regardless of whether you re coming alone or as an affinity group, it might be helpful to consider the following:

- What are my/our reasons for being at the action?
- What do I/we want to do on the day?
- What do I/we want to avoid or not do?
- How willing am I to be arrested?

- What preparation do I/we need to do beforehand?
- What s my/our mental picture of a good action?
- What do I/we want to get out of and contribute to the action?
- How do I/we want people to treat me at the action and how do I/we want to treat others?
- What strengths do I take to the action? How can I best use these?
- What am I like in times of stress or panic, and how can I minimise any negative effects of my responses?

If you re coming as an affinity group, you could also discuss:

- What are our points of commonality and difference?
- How will we make decisions?
- Who will fill what roles?
- How will we communicate before, during and after the action?

If you're coming alone

It s more fun and less risky to have someone looking out for you at an action. If possible, at least come with a friend. If you have to come alone, consider linking up with a couple of other individuals or an affinity group on the day. Take some time to check out different options for buddying up. Rather than ask people what they plan to do, be explicit about what you do or don t want to do yourself. That way you have a better chance of not getting caught up in someone else s plans.

More info

Look out for further information about safety, activist wellbeing and legal rights on this

debriefing

A small number of qualified and experienced counsellors (hopefully with a mix of genders) who have experience in activist networks will be available to provide emotional/psychological debriefing for those who request it. call 0406927638
Debriefing is not just for traumatic incidents such as police violence. Participating in major convergences can result in a range of emotions - sometimes wonderful and joyous, at other times more confusing, difficult or even painful. It s really important that we give ourselves the support that we need during the more difficult moments, and while we can all contribute towards a supportive and safe environment among our affinity groups and broader networks, sometimes the assistance of a counsellor can be helpful.
You will be able to arrange debriefing by contacting a mobile phone number that will be up on the www.stopg20.org site soon. In addition to the weekend of the G20, one or more counsellors will be available to provide debriefing on Monday November 19 (during the day and evening), and during the evenings on subsequent week nights, so feel free to phone the mobile in the days after the G20 if you d like to arrange support.
Debriefing will be available for individuals, small groups or for whole affinity groups - depending on what is most appropriate for the specific situation.

food (not bombs) at a space outside

We are hoping to be able to provide two meals a day for between 50 and 100 people Tuesday-Friday. The figure is very inexact, because we are not sure how much help and how much food there will be. Get dumpster diving now! We are installing a kitchen in the Space, including a few burners and a fridge (if there is electricity), the capacity of this kitchen will be up to 100/meal. The kitchen model is something like what happened at Camp Soverigntey, where the kitchen infustructure is set up and then food and cooks fall from the sky. The reason things "fell from this sky" was because heaps of people ran around filling up gass bottles, getting donations of food and spending donations of money. We will need help doing all this.

The other big FnB adventure is attempting to cook for the Carnival against Capitalism on Saturday. We ll do the cooking for this at Irene on Friday and anybody who wants to help out is more than welcome.

Final fun kitchen gimic is that there will also be a **bike repair kit** based there, and some people will be about who can help do repairs.

safersex/contraception

There will be a latex and lube available at space outside. You can use it in the traditional fashion with the radical effect of actually preventing STI s and pregnancy. For the breeders it s worth remembering that although the withdrawal method comes with The Popes endorsement it is not safe sex (will not prevent you from passing on or receiving STI s) and is not an effective form of contraception. Putting you or yr lover at risk of pregnancy or STI s is neither nice nor cool.

RMiT info-desk & facilitiies

An infodesk will operate from approximately 10am-4pm on Wednesday Nov 15 to Friday Nov 17 at RMIT, at the front counter of the student union, building 8 on Swanston St (go through the big glass doors at the entrance to building 8, walk up a few steps, turn left). You can view a map of RMIT here for directions.
The desk functions as a site where people can access information, materials, risograph (really efficient photocopier), book meeting space (of which there is plenty), use computers, access internet.

media space at RMiT

The media space at RMIT has wireless, a couple of computers, access to a fax, computer. This space will act as more of a dedicated video editing room as the van will not have these capabilities.

mobile media station

While the G20 are meeting in Melbourne on November 17-19 a mobile independent media van will be in operation to document activities, festivities, and public actions. It will also be a point for you to distribute your media - the van will be equipped so that you can upload your stories, audio, and video to the internet. Drop by (we ll have a sign) or give us a call if you witness or are involved in something that deserves an independent media presence And stay tuned for details of night time guerrilla film screenings!

MOBILE MEDIA STATION PHONE NUMBER: 0401043385

Check out the following independent media websites:
http://melbourne.indymedia.org (you can upload your text photos and video here
http://www.engagemedia.org

0406927638
to contact the medics

street medics

Emergency services are often unavailable at demonstrations because workers are correctly following their OH & S proceedures and not entering areas that have been deemed unsafe.Because our safety IS at risk, an international movement of autonomous Street Medic groups provides Street First Aid at pickets, blockades and other actions to defend ourselves against violence.

Unlike regular emergency service staff, who work for state-sponsored institutions, street medics operate as civilians with differing levels of medical training and are not protected from arrest.Street Medics do not just deal with protesters in the streets. Some street medic collectives do heathcare related projects in their communities like a low-income herbal health clinic in northern California and a wellness clinic for migrant workers in Montana. Some groups also provide first aid training, aftercare for folks dealing with post-injury trauma and record information for legal action. We try to create safe and healthy spaces for people to express their dissent!

DIY healthcare will be emphasised during the resistance to G20 in Melbourne. Affinity groups and individuals are encouraged to collect free first aid kits available at the Street Medic workshops and learn some basic ways to treat injuries and help the injured. We hope in this way someone at each autonomous action will be thinking about first aid and be able to act if need be.

Medics can be identified by their medic patches (red cross or white cross on green background) and excellent bedside manner. If you have first aid training or are interested in being involved we would like you to volunteer.

spokescouncils

Wednesday to Friday nights 6:30pm

The final general meetings before the G20 will be spokescouncils onWednesday, Thursday and Friday nights (Nov 15-17), starting at 6:30pm and are predicted to run for about two hours.

The venue will be Melbourne University, in the Undergrad Room in UnionHouse, Level 2. The best way to get to Melbourne Uni from the Melbourne CBD isto catch one of the trams that go up Swanston Street to Melbourne Uni(ones that are marked as heading towards Melbourne University).

What is a spokescouncil?

In a spokescouncil, affinity groups and task forces (for media, outreach,action planning...) choose spokespeople as their representatives. The group sits behind their spoke, feeding her their input, which she brings to the center like the spoke of a wheel.(http://resistinc.org/newsletter/issues/2000/04/Spokescouncils.html) Spokescouncils often aren t a decision-making body (though they can makedecisions if necessary), but rather are an opportunity to share information so that different affinity groups (both action groups and task-related groups such as medical, legal, human rights observation, etc,etc) can then go off and make plans in light of the information that has been shared.

human rights observer team

The goal of the Human Rights Observer Team (the new term for legal observers) is to ensure and enhance the civil, political and human rights of community members at the protests by monitoring, recording and reporting on any abuses of these rights. Its role is to reinforce the range of domestic and international legal, ethical and political constraints on police behaviour that already exist.

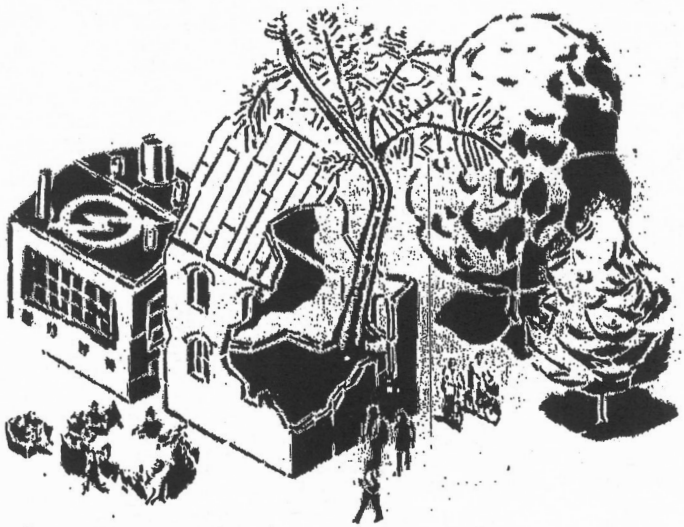
Human Rights Observers at the protests will be clearly identified in bright yellow 'day-glo vests. The words 'Human Rights Observer will be across the back of the vest. If you cannot find a Human Rights Observer, you can approach an ixpress bike messenger who will help to connect you with one. Ixpress bike messengers will be identifiable through wearing the ixpress logo.

Human Rights Observers will:

* Help to distribute information on basic legal and human rights to members of the public at the G20 protests.
* Observe, record and monitor any arrests and all interactions between police/security personnel and members of the public, including any incidents of misconduct by police/security personnel.
* Seek information about and monitor the whereabouts and wellbeing of any arrested persons whilst in police custody.
* Help refer arrested persons to appropriate legal support.
* Compile and publish comprehensive and detailed reports after the event to be submitted to the Victorian Ombudsman, the Office of Police Integrity and national and international human rights bodies and committees if appropriate.

Legal support

Protestors who need legal support will be able to phone an Emergency Legal Support Line - **0400 634 918** - that will operate during the protests. A card will be printed and given out during the major G20 actions containing this number and a few dot point legal tips.



training

Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA) Training at A Space Outside:

In addition to the workshop\s on thursday, skillshares on nonviolent direct action will be held on the evenings of Tuesday November 14 and Wednesday November 15, that will be specifically suited towards skilling affinity groups, covering group organisation, preparation for actions and communication systems, safety and security and other issues such as mentoring and buddying up the more experienced with the new kids on the bloc.

Legal Breifings:

Legal information workshops will be held at Space Outside on:
Wednesday November 15, 2:30-4pm.
Thursday November 16, 3:30 - 4:30pm

First Aid for activists.

How to take care of your mates and your body over theG-20 events
The trainers have been involved as medics at previous mobilisations and will have plenty of experiences and ideas to share.
* Medical/first aid on Thursday November 16, 1-2:30pm.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 **Independent Media meeting** Start: 6:00 pm End: 8:00 pm	3	4 **Nonviolent Direct Action workshop** Start: 10:00 am End: 5:00 pm **G20 Benefit Partee** Start: 8:00 pm
5	6 **StopG20 meeting** Start: 7:00 pm End: 9:00 pm	7	8	9 **Human Rights Observer training** Start: 5:00 pm End: 7:00 pm **Crafternoon** Start: 6:30 pm End: 9:30 pm	10 **Social Movements Fighting Back in Latin America** Start: 7:00 pm End: 9:00 pm	11
12 **Media of Dissent! A convergence of independent media makers** Start: 12:00 pm End: 6:30 pm	13 **Training Workshops at RMIT** Start: 10:00 am End: 6:00 pm **Medics meeting** Start: 10:30 am **G20 Empty Show** Start: 5:00 pm	14 **A Space Outside conference** Start: 9:00 am **The Breakdown Posters LAUNCH** Start: 8:30 pm End: 10:00 pm	15 **A Space Outside conference** all day **Infodesk at RMIT** Start: 10:00 am End: 4:00 pm **Melbourne university Political Science student and staff gathering** Start: 11:00 am End: 12:00 pm **Spokescouncil** Start: 6:30 pm End: 8:30 pm **Guerrilla film screening - Nov 15th** Start: 8:30 pm	16 **A Space Outside conference** End: 6:00 pm **Make Poverty History G20 Forum** Start: 10:00 am End: 5:45 pm **Infodesk (at RMIT) & Training Workshops (at A Space Outside)** Start: 10:00 am End: 6:00 pm **Spokescouncil** Start: 6:30 pm End: 8:30 pm **Oaxaca and Zapatista Benefit Gig** Start: 7:30 pm **Cabaret of Dissent** Start: 8:30 pm	17 **Corporate Engagement Day** Start: 1:00 am **Infodesk at RMIT** Start: 10:00 am End: 4:00 pm **Make Poverty History concert** Start: 6:00 pm End: 11:00 pm **Spokescouncil** Start: 6:30 pm End: 8:30 pm **What's up in Latin America?** Start: 7:00 pm End: 9:00 pm **Meditation/Prayer Vigil** Start: 8:00 pm	18 **Meditation/Prayer Vigil** End: 8:00 pm **Make Poverty History Festival** Start: 10:00 am End: 8:00 pm **Carnival Beyond Capitalism** Start: 12:00 pm End: 10:00 pm
19 **Solidarity focus** Start: 1:00 am **Innoculation day!** Start: 1:00 am **G20 Alternative and Creating Community forum** Start: 11:00 am End: 4:00 pm **Celebration!** Start: 8:00 pm	20 **Debriefings** Start: 10:00 am End: 8:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		